AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 13, 22, 23, and 28 through 30 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 14, 18, and 24, and add Claims 31 through 38 as follows:

1 - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a
communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

reception means for receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether the signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

control means for controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the recording apparatus in a case where said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

15. (Original) The image supply device according to claim 14, wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

16. (Original) The image supply device according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

17. (Original) The image supply device according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

18. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus used in a recording system in which an image supply device and the recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

reception means for receiving a signal from the image supply device after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether the signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

control means for controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the image supply device in a case where said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

19. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

20. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

21. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

22 - 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A control method for a recording system in which an image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command between the image supply device and the recording apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether a signal received from a partner is a response corresponding to the predetermined command after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step; and

a change step of changing an issuing timing of a next command in at least one of the image supply device and the recording apparatus, in a case where it is determined that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command in said determination step.

25. (Original) The control method according to claim 24, wherein in said change step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

26. (Original) The control method according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

27. (Original) The control method according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time where it is determined that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command in said determination step.

28 - 30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) A control method of an image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, the method comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

a reception step of receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step;

a determination step of determining whether the signal received in said reception step is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

a control step of controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the recording apparatus in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

32. (New) The method according to claim 31, wherein in said control step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

33 (New) The method according to claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

34 (New) The method according to claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time it is determined in said determination step that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

35. (New) A control method of a recording apparatus used in a recording system in which an image supply device and the recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, the method comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

a reception step of receiving a signal from the image supply device after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step;

a determination step of determining whether the signal received in said reception step is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

a control step of controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the image supply device in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

36. (New) The method according to claim 35, wherein in said control step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

37. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

38. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time it is determined in said determination step that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.